part of Department of Information Technology (DIT) initiatives on Information Security, Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) is providing necessary support to establish Information Security Assurance infrastructure in the country. Under this, STQC is providing following service to Indian industries/organizations:

— Information Security Management System certification (ISMS) as per BS 7799;

— Certified training courses for Information Security Professionals and Auditors;

— Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing Services.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Information Security Management System certification (ISMS) as above is in tune with global practices.

Under Indo-US cyber security forum, STQC is participating in the Working Group on Standards and Software Assurance and have developed collaborative programme with National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST), USA. Following activities are being undertaken under this collaborative programme:

— Support to NIST, USA in develbping/review of standards/guidelines for Security Controls, Auditing, Risk Assessment, Certification and Accreditation;

— Conduct of joint seminar on Information Security Management and Standards in India and USA;

— Exchange of Experts.

Setting up of New Telephone Exchange in various States

†915. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Digital Trunk Automatic and Modern Telephone Exchange set up in various States during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the proposed exchanges to be set up in various States during the current year, State-wise and the number of telephone exchanges already set-up so far out of them; and

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(c) the details of such telephone exchanges where the waiting list has been cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Details of Digital Trunk Automatic and Modern Telephone Exchanges set up by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in Delhi and Mumbai and by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in rest of the country during the last three years are given in Statement-I and II respectively (See below).

(b) Details of Digital Trunk Automatic and Modern Telephone Exchanges proposed to be set up by MTNL and BSNL during current financial year are given in Statement-Ill (See below).

(c) Details of Telephone Exchanges of BSNL where waiting list has been cleared as on 31.10.2005 are given in Statement-IV (See below). There is no waiting list in MTNL Delhi and Mumbai.

Statement-I

Details of Digital Trunk Automatic Telephone Exchanges.

	No. of Digital Tax Exchanges set up during		
MTNL Delhi	2002-03 Nil	2003-04 Nil	2004-05 Nil
MTNL Mumbai	Nil	Nil	Nil
BSNL (Circle-wise)			
Andaman & Nicobar	1	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	6	4	0
Assam	1	1	0
Bihar	3	3	5
Chennai Telecom District	1	0	0
Chhattisgarh	2	2	2
Gujarat	7	1	2
Haryana	2	1	0
Himachal Pradesh	0	3	0
Jammu & Kashmir	0	1	1
Jharkhand	3	1	1
Karnataka	5	3	3
Kerala	1	1	0
Madhya Pradesh	4	8	15
Maharashtra	14	4	0

North-East-I	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
North-East-ll	0	1	1
Orissa	5	4	3
Punjab	0	0	1
Rajasthan	7	5	6
Tamil Nadu	2	0	0
UP (East)	9	13	7
UP (West)	2	4	3
Uttaranchal	0	2	1
West Bengal	6	3	0
Kolkata Telecom Distt.	0	1	0
Northern Telecom Region	1	1	2
Eastern Telecom Region	0	0	1
Southern Telecom Region	0	0	1
Western Telecom Region	0	0	1
TOTAL (8SNL):	82	67	58

Statement-ll

Number of Modern Telephone Exchanges set up during the year 2002—2005

	No. of Modern Telephone Exchanges set up during		
	2002-03	*2003-2004*	2004-05
MTNL **Delhi**	*7*	*28*	*14*
MTNL Mumbai	*14*	*8*	*7*
BSNL (Circle-wise)			
Andaman & Nicobar	*3*	*0*	*0*
Andhra Pradesh	*154*	76	*36*
Assam	*62*	26	*3*
Bihar	*44*	45	*38*
Chennai Telephones	*27*	20	*5*
Chhattisgarh	*13*	0	*0*
Gujarat	*28*	2	*2*
Haryana	*66*	31	*2*
Himachal Pradesh	*46*	3	*3*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Jammu & Kashmir	14	1	10
Jharkhand	29	20	10
Karnataka	66	5	2
Kerala	83	24	6
Madhya Pradesh	101	19	8
Maharashtra	28	0	10
North-East-I	26	21	10
_North-East-ll	12	8	6
Orissa	45	20	17
Punjab	85	21	6
Rajasthan	81	33	9
Tamil Nadu	126	31	14
UP (East)	49	20	16
UP (West)	52	12	3
Uttaranchal	38	17	7
West Bengal	97	18	20
Kolkata Telephones	131	67	27
TOTAL (BSNL):	1496	540	270

Statement-III

Number of DTAX planned and set up and number of Modem Telephone Exchanges planned and set up.

	No.of DTAX planned during 2005-06	Set up upto 31.10.2005	No. of Modern Tele. Exchanges planned during 2005-06	Set up upto 31.10.2005
MTNL Delhi	Nil	Nil	6	2
MTNL .Mumbai	Nil	Nil	13	3
BSNL (Circle-wise)				
Andaman & Nicobar			1	0
Andhra Pradesh			1	0
Assam	1	0	8	6
Bihar			23	1
Chennai Telephones			4	2
Chhattisgarh			0	0
Gujarat			1	1

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Haryana			1	1
Himachal Pradesh	3	1	1	1
Jammu & Kashmir			4	1
Jharkhand			15	0
Karnataka			1	0
Kerala			1	1
Madhya Pradesh	1	1	3	3
Maharashtra	1	0	4	4
North-East-I			4	1
North-East-ll	1	1	0	0
Orissa			15	2
Punjab			5	5
Rajasthan	1	1	5	5
Tamil Nadu			9	1
UP (East)	1	0	6	0
UP (West)			1	0
Uttaranchal			2	1
West Bengal	1	0	23	3
Kolkata Telephones			54	30
Northern Telecom Region	1	0		
Eastern Telecom Region	1	0		
Southern Telecom Region	4	2		

Statement-IV

Number of Telephone Exchanges where waiting list has been cleared as on 31.10.2005

Name of Circle	No. of Exchanges where waiting list has been cleared (as or 31.10.05)
Andaman & Nicobar	All Exchanges on demand
Andhra Pradesh	815
Assam	78
Bihar	19
Chennai Telephones	221
Chhattisgarh	436
Gujarat	1885
Haryana	99
Himachal Pradesh	149
Jammu & Kashmir	12

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Jharkhand			58
Karnataka			623
Kerala			385
Madhya Pradesh			2193
Maharashtra			630
North-East-I			140
North-East-ll			78
Orissa			388
Punjab			701
Rajasthan			328
Tamil Nadu			267
UP (East)			211
UP (West)			212
Uttaranchal			300
West Bengal			149
Kolkata Telephones		All Exchanges on	demand

Conversion of Post Offices into Finance Bazars

†916. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to convert Post Offices into Finance Bazars for providing various financial services to the customers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts has formulated a scheme for providing Post Office Savings Bank and other financial services through some Post Offices designated as Postal Finance Marts (PFMs).

(b) The Postal Finance Mart is proposed as a 'One-Stop Shop' for providing financial services/products to the Post Office customers. The

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